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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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This paper responds to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on November 19, 2004. The shortened statutory period for a reply was set to expire three months from the mailing date of the Office Action which would make the due date Saturday, February 19, 2005. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.7, since the due date falls on a Saturday, the due date is moved to the following Monday. This would make the due date Monday, February 21, 2005, which in this case was President's Day, which is a federal holiday in the District of Columbia. Again, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.7, since the due date falls on a federal holiday in the District of Columbia, the due date is moved to today, Tuesday, February 22, 2005, which is the next available date in which the United States Patent and Trademark Office is open. Thus, this response is filed in a timely fashion and no petition or fee for an extension of time necessary.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.